

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8002 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commemorate Election Day on
November 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, in 1845, the United States Congress chose a single date for all national elections in all states. Election Day in the U.S. is the Tuesday following the first Monday in November and can fall on or between November 2nd and November 8th; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November was chosen so that there would never be more than thirty-four days between Election Day and the first Wednesday in December; and

WHEREAS, federal elections are always held in even-numbered years, and in years divisible by four, presidential elections are held. Elections for local and state officials may be held in odd- or even-numbered years, depending on state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, in the General Assembly, elections for senators, who serve four-year terms, and representatives, who serve two-year terms, are also held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the date of federal elections is set by Congress; it is not selected, nor may it be postponed, by a person holding the office of President of the United States. Since the establishment of this country, the U.S. has never delayed a presidential election, including when the nation faced a Civil War and the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Americans and Tennesseans alike see November as election month, expecting Election Day to always fall on the first Tuesday of November after November 1st. This year, on November 3, 2020, citizens of the United States will vote by popular ballot for candidates for public office at local, state, and national levels, including the election of the next president of the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate Election Day on November 3, 2020, and join with the citizens of our great State as they vote, exercising one of the most important actions that citizens can take to make their voices heard in a democracy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.